



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 393

SENATE BILL NO. 817

By Tracy

Substituted for: House Bill No. 686

By Marsh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, relative to overweight loads that are permitted and nondivisible.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-203, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c)(1) For nondivisible overweight loads exceeding the maximum gross vehicle weight established in this section but not exceeding a maximum gross vehicle weight of one hundred fifty thousand pounds (150,000 lbs.), the commissioner may issue a special permit in accordance with § 55-7-205 allowing axle weights in excess of the axle weight limits established in subsection (b) as follows:

(A) Truck tractor and semi-trailer or trailer combinations shall not exceed fifty feet (50') in length from the point of attachment to the tractor;

(B) The maximum width of the truck and semi-trailer or trailer combination shall not exceed eight feet six inches (8' 6");

(C) No single axle shall carry a load in excess of twenty-three thousand pounds (23,000 lbs.);

(D) No tandem axle group shall carry a load in excess of forty-six thousand pounds (46,000 lbs.); and

(E) No axle group of three (3) axles (tridem) shall carry a load in excess of sixty thousand pounds (60,000 lbs.).

(2) For permitted nondivisible loads exceeding a maximum gross vehicle weight of one hundred fifty thousand pounds (150,000 lbs.), the maximum axle weight limits established in subsection (b) shall apply.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205(h)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(3) Excessive weight:

Twenty dollars (\$20.00) plus six cents (6¢) per ton-mile;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205(h)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(5) A permit shall be available from the department of transportation on an annual basis for over dimensional or overweight vehicles or both, except for those vehicles permitted as provided for in subdivision (h)(6), for five hundred dollars (\$500) per year for weights up to one hundred twenty thousand pounds (120,000 lbs.) and for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year for weights in excess of one hundred twenty thousand pounds (120,000 lbs.).

Movements permitted under § 55-7-203(c) with axle weights exceeding the axle weight limits established in § 55-7-203(b) shall be required to obtain a special permit at a cost of twenty dollars (\$20.00) plus six cents (6¢) per ton-mile; and

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 20, 2015

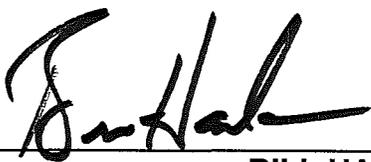


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 8th day of MAY 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR